



Rush of troops to Kabul tests Biden's withdrawal deadline

WASHINGTON (AP) — The last-minute decision to send 3,000 U.S. troops to Afghanistan to help partially evacuate the U.S. Embassy is calling into question whether President Joe Biden will meet his Aug. 31 deadline for fully withdrawing combat forces. The vanguard of a Marine contingent arrived in Kabul on Friday and most of the rest of the 3,000 are due by Sunday.

Officials have stressed that the newly arriving troops' mission is limited to assisting the airlift of embassy personnel and Afghan allies, and they expect to complete it by month's end. But they might have to stay longer if the embassy is threatened by a Taliban takeover of Kabul by then. On Friday the Taliban seemed nearly within reach of contesting the capital.

"Clearly from their actions, it appears as if they are trying to get Kabul isolated," Pentagon spokesman John Kirby said, referring to the Taliban's speedy and efficient takedown of major provincial capitals across



Pentagon spokesman John Kirby speaks during a briefing at the Pentagon in Washington, Friday, Aug. 13, 2021.

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the country in recent days. Biden had given the Pentagon until Aug. 31 to complete the withdrawal of the 2,500 to 3,000 troops that

were in Afghanistan when he announced in April that he was ending U.S. involvement in the war. That number has dropped to

just under 1,000, and all but about 650 are scheduled to be gone by the end of the month; the 650 are to remain to help protect the

U.S. diplomatic presence, including with aircraft and defensive weapons at Kabul airport.

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But Thursday's decision to dispatch 3,000 fresh troops to the airport adds a new twist to the U.S. withdrawal. There is no discussion of rejoining the war, but the number of troops needed for security will depend on decisions about keeping the embassy open and the extent of a Taliban threat to the capital in coming days. Having the Aug. 31 deadline pass with thousands of U.S. troops in the country would be awkward for Biden given his insistence on ending the 20-year U.S. war by that date. Republicans have already criticized the withdrawal as a mistake and ill-planned, though there's little political appetite by either party to send fresh troops to fight the Taliban.

Kirby declined to discuss any assessment of whether the Taliban are likely soon to converge on Kabul, but the urgent movement of extra U.S. troops into Afghanistan to assist the embassy drawdown is clear evidence of Washington's worry that after the rapid fall of major cities this week with relatively little Afghan government resistance, Kabul is endangered. Kirby reiterated the Biden administration's assertion that Afghan security forces have tangible advantages over the insurgents, including a viable air force and superior numbers. The statement serves to highlight the fact that what the Afghan forces lack is motivation to fight in a circumstance where the Taliban seem to



A Taliban fighter stands guard over surrendered Afghan security member forces in the city of Ghazni, southwest of Kabul, Afghanistan, Friday, Aug. 13, 2021. A Taliban fighter stands guard over surrendered Afghan security member forces in the city of Ghazni, southwest of Kabul, Afghanistan, Friday, Aug. 13, 2021.

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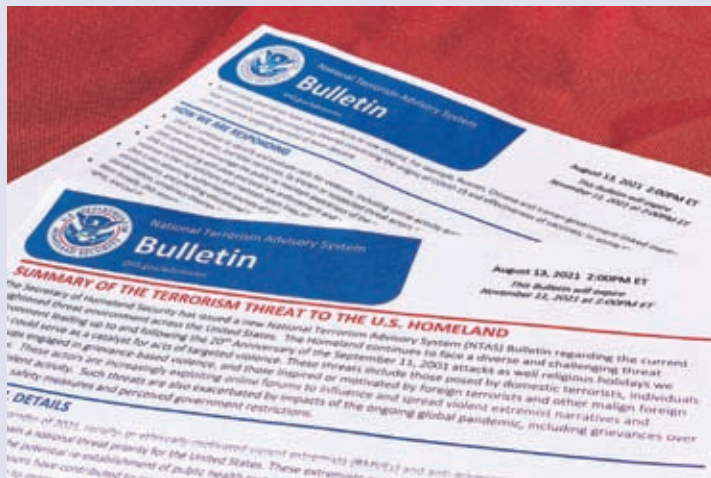
have decisive momentum. Stephen Biddle, a professor of international and public affairs at Columbia University, said in an interview the announcement that 3,000 U.S. troops are heading to Kabul to help pull out American diplomats and embassy staff likely made Afghan morale even worse. "The message that sent to Afghans is: 'The city of Kabul is going to fall so fast that we can't organize an orderly withdrawal from the embassy,'" Biddle said. This suggests to Afghans that the Americans see little future for the government and that "this place could be toast within hours." Kirby said lead "elements" of a Marine battalion arrived in Kabul on Friday as the U.S. speeds up evacua-

tion flights for some American diplomats and thousands of Afghans. The rest of that battalion and two others are due in coming days. The Pentagon also was moving an additional 4,500 to 5,000 troops to bases in the Gulf countries of Qatar and Kuwait, including 1,000 to Qatar to speed up visa processing for Afghan translators and others who fear retribution from the Taliban for their past work with Americans, and their family members. The remainder — 3,500 to 4,000 troops from a combat brigade of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina — were preparing Friday to depart for Kuwait "in very short order."

Kirby said the combat troops would be a reserve force on standby for whatever mission might be required in Kabul. The temporary buildup of troops for U.S. evacuations highlights the stunning pace of the Taliban takeover of much of the country. Friday's latest significant blow was the Taliban capture of the capital of Helmand province, where American, British and other allied NATO forces fought some of the bloodiest battles in the past 20 years. Hundreds of Western troops died there during the course of the war, in fighting that often succeeded in knocking back Taliban fighters locally, only to have the Taliban move

back in when a Western unit rotated out. The State Department said the embassy in Kabul will remain partially staffed and functioning, but Thursday's decision to evacuate a significant number of embassy staff and bring in the thousands of additional U.S. troops is a sign of waning confidence in the Afghan government's ability to hold off the Taliban surge. The Biden administration has not ruled out a full embassy evacuation or possibly relocating embassy operations to the Kabul airport. There are a little over 4,000 personnel still at the embassy; the State Department has not said how many are being pulled out in the next two weeks. The Biden administration warned Taliban officials directly that the U.S. would respond if the Taliban attacked Americans during the stepped-up deployments and evacuations. Americans are preparing a military base abroad to receive and house large numbers of those Afghan translators and others as their visa applications are processed. The Biden administration has not identified the base, but earlier was talking with both Kuwait and Qatar about using U.S. bases there for the temporary relocations. State Department spokesman Ned Price said the U.S. soon will have evacuation planes flying out daily, for those Afghan translators and others who manage to reach the Kabul airport despite the fighting. □

U.S. warns 9/11 anniversary could inspire extremist attacks



This Aug. 13, 2021, photo shows the latest terrorism alert bulletin issued by the Department of Homeland Security.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The upcoming 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks as well as approaching religious holidays could inspire extremist attacks, the Department of Homeland Security said in a terrorism alert issued Friday. DHS did not cite any specific threats in the National Terrorism Advisory System Bulletin. But it noted that the U.S. is in a "heightened threat environment," fueled by factors that include violent extremists motivated by racial and ethnic

hatred and resentment of restrictions imposed during the pandemic. DHS issues the warnings to alert the public as well as state and local authorities. They reflect intelligence gathered from other law enforcement agencies. The bulletin is an extension of a similar one issued in May that expired on the day the new one was issued. DHS says domestic extremists remain a national threat priority for U.S. law enforcement and will for

at least the remainder of the year. The agency noted that al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula recently released the first English-language edition of its Inspire magazine in four years, apparently to mark the upcoming anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. As in previous bulletins, DHS expressed concern about both domestic extremists, motivated by "personal grievances and extremist ideological beliefs," and foreign influences. □

Federal judge leaves CDC evictions moratorium in place

By MARK SHERMAN

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge on Friday refused landlords' request to put the Biden administration's new eviction moratorium on hold, though she ruled that the freeze is illegal.

U.S. District Judge Dabney Friedrich said her "hands are tied" by an appellate decision from the last time courts considered the evictions moratorium in the spring.

Alabama landlords who are challenging the moratorium, which is set to expire Oct. 3, are likely to appeal her ruling.

In discussing the new moratorium imposed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention because of COVID-19, President Joe Biden acknowledged last week there were questions about its legality. But he said a court fight over the new order would buy time for the distribution of some of the more than \$45 billion in rental assistance that has been approved but not yet used. The Treasury Department has said that only about \$3 billion of the first slice of \$25 billion had been distributed through June.

As of Aug. 2, roughly 3.5 million people in the United States said they faced eviction in the next two months, according to the Census Bureau's Household Pulse Survey.

White House press sec-



In this Jan. 13, 2021, file photo, tenants' rights advocates demonstrate in front of the Edward W. Brooke Courthouse in Boston.

Associated Press

retary Jen Psaki said in a statement Friday that the administration believes the CDC moratorium is legal. "We are pleased that the district court left the moratorium in place, though we are aware that further proceedings in this case are likely," Psaki said.

Friedrich, who was appointed by President Donald Trump, wrote that the CDC's new temporary ban on evictions is substantially similar to the version she ruled was illegal in May. At the time, Friedrich put her

ruling on hold to allow the Biden administration to appeal.

This time, she said, she is bound to follow a ruling from the appeals court that sits above her, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. A panel of three judges appointed by President Barack Obama rejected the landlords' plea to enforce Friedrich's ruling and allow evictions to resume, saying it believes the CDC moratorium falls within a 1944 law dealing with pub-

lic health emergencies.

If the D.C. Circuit doesn't give the landlords what they want now, they are expected to seek Supreme Court involvement.

In late June, the high court refused by a 5-4 vote to allow evictions to resume. Justice Brett Kavanaugh, part of the slim majority, said he agreed with Friedrich, but was voting to keep the moratorium in place because it was set to expire at the end of July.

Kavanaugh wrote in a one-paragraph opinion that he

would reject any additional extension without a new, clear authorization from Congress, which has not been able to take action.

Biden and his aides initially said they could not extend the evictions ban beyond July because of what Kavanaugh wrote. But facing pressure from liberals in Congress, the administration devised a new order that it argued was sufficiently different.

The old moratorium applied nationwide. The current order applies in places where there is significant transmission of the coronavirus.

But Friedrich noted the moratorium covers "roughly ninety-one percent of U.S. counties," citing the CDC's COVID-19 data tracker.

"The minor differences between the current and previous moratoria do not exempt the former from this Court's order," that the CDC lacks authority to order a temporary ban on evictions, she wrote.

She also noted that Kavanaugh's opinion and decisions by other courts that either questioned or also found the earlier moratorium illegal raise doubts about the D.C. Circuit's decision.

"For that reason, absent the D.C. Circuit's judgment, this Court would vacate the stay" and allow evictions to resume, Friedrich said. But she said she was not free to do that. □

Month 2 of child tax credit hits bank accounts

The U.S. Department of Treasury says the second monthly child tax credit payment has begun to be disbursed.

More than \$15 billion will be paid out to families of about 61 million children. The first round of the payment went out in July. The payments stem from the Child Tax Credit from the \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package passed by Congress in March.

Under the plan, eligible families receive up to \$300 a month per each child under 6 and up to \$250 per

month for children ages 6 to 17. The payments are set to lapse after a year, but Biden is pushing to extend them through at least 2025.

The August payments cover about 1.6 million more children than last month. The uptick indicates that more families who don't file taxes are signing up for the credit. The IRS has been trying to raise awareness that all families should apply. It also announced a new, mobile-friendly, bilingual sign-up tool to help enrollment that will launch

in the next few weeks.

Direct deposits should arrive in bank accounts Friday. Most families received their August payments by direct deposit. The rest will receive checks in the mail. The Treasury Department said due to a technical problem that should be solved by September, about 15% of families that received direct deposit payments in July will receive their check by mail in August. Families can visit the Child Tax Credit Update Portal to check on their payment status. □



In this July 15, 2021, file photo, President Joe Biden speaks during an event to mark the start of monthly Child Tax Credit relief payments, in the South Court Auditorium on the White House complex in Washington.

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More U.S. cities requiring proof of vaccination to go places

By **MELINDA DESLATTE and OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ**
Associated Press

Hold on to that vaccination card. A rapidly growing number of places across the U.S. are requiring people to show proof they have been inoculated against COVID-19 to teach school, work at a hospital, see a concert or eat inside a restaurant.

Following New York City's lead, New Orleans and San Francisco will impose such rules at many businesses starting next week, while Los Angeles is looking into the idea.

The new measures are an attempt to stem the rising tide of COVID-19 cases that has pushed hospitals to the breaking point, including in the Dallas area, where top officials warned they are running out of beds in their pediatric intensive care units.

Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins said the situation is so dire that if a parent is seeking care for a sick or injured child, "your child will wait for another child to die. Your child will just not get on a ventilator. Your child will be care-flighted to Temple or Oklahoma City or wherever we can find them a bed, but they won't be getting one here



In this June 3, 2021 file photo California Gov. Gavin Newsom walks with San Francisco Mayor London Breed on Geary Street to a news conference outside Tommy's Mexican Restaurant in San Francisco.

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unless one clears."

Earlier this week, Jenkins ordered that masks be worn inside schools, county buildings and businesses after a judge blocked Texas Gov. Greg Abbott's ban on such rules. The county is not requiring people to show proof of vaccination.

On Friday, the Chicago school system, the nation's third-largest district, with more than 360,000 students, announced it will

require all its teachers and other employees to be fully vaccinated by mid-October unless they qualify for a medical or religious exemption.

Philadelphia has decreed that health care workers and college students and staff members must get their shots by mid-October. New Orleans Mayor LaToya Cantrell called proof of vaccination the best way to protect businesses. She

said she is not imposing capacity limits or contemplating a shutdown similar to the one that devastated businesses in 2020.

"Unlike this time last year, we have a tool that we did not have," she said, referring to vaccines.

Over the past two weeks, Louisiana has set daily records for the number of people hospitalized with COVID-19, reaching 2,907 patients on Friday.

Ninety-one percent of those hospitalized are unvaccinated, according to state data.

Officials hope the requirement will translate into significant numbers of people getting the shots, something cash prizes and scholarships were unable to do. Only 38% of Louisiana's population is fully vaccinated. But the numbers of people seeking their first shot have increased dramatically over the past month, with nearly 46% of Louisiana's residents starting the vaccine series.

Critics say that requiring people to be vaccinated to enter a business violates their rights and their privacy.

At least 18 states led by Republican governors or legislatures prohibit the creation of so-called vaccine passports or ban public entities from demanding proof of vaccination. Several of those — including Alabama, Florida, Iowa, Montana, North Dakota and Texas — also bar most businesses from denying service to those who aren't vaccinated.

President Joe Biden has urged cities to adopt proof-of-vaccination requirements for restaurants and other businesses. □

DC military base briefly locked down amid report of gunman



A Metropolitan Police Department cruiser drives out of an entrance to Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling during a lockdown, Friday, Aug. 13, 2021, in Washington.

Associated Press

By **MICHAEL BALSAMO and ASHRAF KHALIL**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A military base in the nation's capital was locked down

for about an hour and a half Friday, after an armed man ran onto the grounds during a local police investigation of gunshots on the streets surrounding the

base.

Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling posted a note on its Facebook page saying the person was spotted on the south side of the base. The naval support facility at the north end of the base is used by Marine Helicopter Squadron One, the fleet of green helicopters that carry the president and vice president.

The individual was detained and will be transferred to the Metropolitan Police Department, base officials said. The lockdown was lifted around 3 p.m. and cars slowly started moving on and off the base. No injuries were immediately reported. Officials at one point said they were looking for two people, but a

later report said only one person was at large.

The 905-acre base in southeast Washington houses Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard units, along with the Washington field office of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service and the headquarters of the Defense Intelligence Agency.

The installation is in an area that occasionally has local police activity nearby. Over the years there have been a few incidents where that activity filtered onto the base, including one where a suspect being sought by police scaled a fence and was taken into custody by Defense Department authorities.

The lockdown caused a

brief panic.

"If you encounter the individual and have a safe route, RUN," base officials posted on Facebook in the first moments of the lockdown. "If you do not have a safe route to run, HIDE. Barricade your door, turn off the lights and your cell phone ringer, and remain silent. If you are hiding, prepare to FIGHT."

Just last week, a Pentagon police officer was stabbed to death after a burst of violence at a transit center outside the building. A suspect was shot by law enforcement and died at the scene. After that violence, the Pentagon, the headquarters of the U.S. military, was temporarily placed on lockdown. □

Man kills 5, himself in UK's first mass shooting in decade

By **KELVIN CHAN**
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — A young man who killed five people, including his mother, and then took his own life in Britain's first mass shooting in over a decade had complained online about difficulties meeting women and being "beaten down" by life.

Police said Friday the motive for the shootings was unclear but there were no immediate signs that the crime was an act of terrorism or the 22-year-old gunman had connections to extremist groups.

They identified the shooter as Jake Davison, 22, and said he had a gun license, but revealed few other details. Witnesses reported that he used a pump-action shotgun, police said, though they wouldn't confirm what type of weapon it was and whether it was the one Davison was licensed to use.

Gun crimes are rare in Britain, which has strict firearm control rules.

Police responded to multiple emergency calls at 6:11 p.m. Thursday arrived six minutes later at an address in Plymouth's Keyham neighborhood, where Da-



Forensic officers work in Biddick Drive in the Keyham area of Plymouth, England Friday Aug. 13, 2021 where six people were killed in a shooting incident.

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vison had shot and killed his mother, 51-year-old Maxine Davison, also known as Maxine Chapman.

According to police accounts, Davison left the house and immediately shot and killed a 3-year-old girl, Sophie Martyn, and her father, Lee Martyn, 43. He then shot and wounded two other people down the street whom police haven't

identified.

Police said Davison moved on to a park where he shot Stephen Washington, 59, who died at the scene, and then to a nearby street, where he shot Kate Shepherd, 66 on a nearby street. She died later in hospital.

Eyewitnesses reported that Davison shot himself before police arrived. He was licensed to use a gun last

year and police are checking whether he had the license before then.

Shaun Sawyer, chief constable for Devon and Cornwall police, told reporters that investigators are not sure what Davison's motive was and keeping open minds but do not think extremist ideology prompted the attack.

"Let's see what's on his

hard drive, let's see what's on his computer, let's see what's on social media," Sawyer said.

"We believe we have an incident that is domestically related that has spilled into the street and seen several people of Plymouth lose their lives in an extraordinarily tragic circumstance," he added.

Davison appeared to post on YouTube under the name Professor Waffle in an account that has now been taken down, replaced by a notice saying it violated the site's community guidelines. In a final 11-minute clip posted before the killings, "Professor Waffle" talks about how he was "beaten down and defeated by...life." He talks about struggling to stay motivated at working out and losing weight, working as a scaffolder when he was 17-18, and hinted at his lack of a love life by referring to "people who are incels" shorthand for "involuntarily celibate."

The "incel" movement justifies violence against women as revenge for men who are rejected as sexual partners, and believes society unjustly denies men sexual or romantic attention. □

Australia urgently evacuates Afghans threatened by Taliban

By **ROD MCGUIRK**
Associated Press

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — Australia is working urgently with the United States to evacuate the last Afghans who helped Australian troops and diplomats as Taliban insurgents make rapid territorial gains across Afghanistan, Prime Minister Scott Morrison said Friday.

Australia shut its Kabul embassy in May and withdrew the last of its troops in June as U.S. and NATO forces pulled out of the Afghanistan conflict after 20 years. Morrison said Australia since April has resettled 400 Afghans and their families who would be in danger from the Taliban because they worked for Australia. Morrison did not say how many more Afghans will be

resettled in Australia under a program that has been shrouded in secrecy.

"We have made a lot of ground on this issue in the last few months. We'll continue to do that. We're liaising very closely with particularly the United States and others who are engaged in that area," Morrison said.

"We'll continue to implement that program with a great sense of urgency in partnership with those who also are engaged in similar activities in that region," he added.

The Taliban captured two major cities, the country's second- and third-largest after Kabul, and a strategic provincial capital on Thursday, further squeezing the embattled government just weeks before the end of the American military mis-

sion.

The seizure of Kandahar and Herat are the biggest prizes yet for the Taliban, who have taken 12 of Afghanistan's 34 provincial capitals as part of a week-long blitz.

U.S. President Joe Biden's administration is rushing 3,000 new troops to the Kabul airport to help with a partial evacuation of the U.S. Embassy.

The State Department said the embassy will continue functioning, but Thursday's dramatic decision to bring in thousands of additional U.S. troops is a sign of waning confidence in the Afghan government's ability to hold off the Taliban surge.

Morrison described the Taliban gains as "not surprising."



In this March 2, 2015, file photo, Australian soldiers watch an exhibition cricket match between Afghan local employees and Australian soldiers at NATO headquarters, at Kabul, Afghanistan.

Associated Press

"But it is concerning and it is very upsetting," Morrison said.

More than 39,000 Australian military personnel have served in Afghanistan since 2001, and 41 have been killed there.

Asked what his message was to Australians who question whether the 20-year campaign was worth the sacrifice, Morrison replied: "Fighting for what you believe in is always worth it." □

Heat wave edges higher in southern Europe, fuels wildfires

By **FRANCES D'EMILIO**

Associated Press

ROME (AP) — Intense heat baking Italy pushed northward towards the popular tourist destination of Florence Friday while wildfires charred the country's south, and Spain appeared headed for an all-time record high temperature as a heat wave kept southern Europe in a fiery hold.

Italy saw temperatures in places upwards of 40 C (104 F), and Rome broiled. By late afternoon Friday, the heat in Florence reached 39 C (102 F). That city and Bologna also were issued alerts for Saturday by the health ministry.

Giancarlo Penza, of the Rome-based Catholic charity Sant'Egidio Community, reminded viewers of state TV that the most vulnerable in such weather are elderly people living alone and the homeless.

"(The latter) are the persons who are invisible, who live on the street," Penza said. "Knock on the door of an older person" who lives alone, next door, or "stop someone on the street" without a home and ask if they need help, he urged Italians.



A child cools off with the water to the fountain during a heatwave in Pamplona, northern Spain, Friday Aug. 13, 2021.

Many southern European countries have suffered days of intense heat, accompanied by deadly wildfires in Algeria, Turkey, Italy and Greece.

While the area is known for its sunny, hot summers, scientists voice little doubt that climate change from the burning of coal, oil and natural gas is driving extreme events such as heat waves, droughts and wildfires. Such hardships are

likely to happen more frequently as Earth continues to warm, they say.

Wildfire problems will only worsen because of abandonment of rural areas and climate change, the environment minister of Cyprus said. The eastern Mediterranean, where the island nation is located, is a "global climate change hot spot," where biodiversity and forest ecosystems are "intensely negatively

impacted," Minister Costas Kadiis told The AP Friday.

Unworked agricultural land is being overrun by wild growth, making it easy terrain for fires, which are ever "more intense, destructive and frequently occurring" as a result of more frequent and longer heatwaves and droughts, the minister said. Italian Premier Mario Draghi sent his emergency chief to Calabria in the south, where blazes burning for

days in the rugged Aspromonte forest have claimed four lives.

Draghi pledged government aid for those losing property or businesses and an "extraordinary plan of reforestation."

Wildfires on the Italian island of Sardinia were reported largely contained, but a blaze early Friday near Tivoli in the countryside east of Rome forced the evacuation of 25 families. Tivoli's 16th-century Villa d'Este and the ancient ruins of Hadrian's Villa are tourist attractions.

Italian firefighters were also battling blazes near Mount Etna, the volcano in Sicily which for months has been belching flames and lava. Authorities said fires erupted in separate locations in the woods, raising suspicions they were caused by people, either deliberately or by accident.

On Greece's second-largest island of Evia, where devastating blazes in the wake of an exceptional heat wave this summer have been described as the nation's worst ecological disaster in decades, a fresh fire broke out on Friday. □

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More army deployed as uneasy Zambia counts votes after polls

By **FARAI MUTSAKA**

Associated Press

LUSAKA, Zambia (AP) — As electoral officials in Zambia counted ballots on Friday a day after tense voting, President Edgar Lungu has deployed more troops in some restive parts of the

country following two election-day killings.

Lungu had deployed the military in selected hotspots ahead of the polls following pre-election violence between the country's two main political parties.

Two supporters of Lungu's

ruling Patriotic Front party were killed on election day as violence hit the Western, North-western, and Southern provinces of the country, according to statements by Lungu and the Electoral Commission of Zambia.

Additional troops were ordered to quell "this unprecedented violence," said Lungu. He blamed the violence on the opposition, which in turn accuses him of using state security to crush dissent and restrict the country's democratic freedoms.

An uneasy calm prevailed in the capital, Lusaka, where people waited anxiously, many fearful of an eruption of unrest when the election results are announced.

There was little traffic in Lu-

saka's usually bustling city center with most businesses closed as the day after polling was declared a public holiday. In many outlying townships, people stayed indoors or gathered in small groups to chat.

"We don't know what will happen, maybe there will be some fracas. We just wait," said Primrose Manga, plaiting the hair of a friend in the poor Mandevu township, where some shops were open.

Army soldiers moved around in trucks and with the police maintained a presence at the National Results Center at Mulungushi International Conference Center, where violent protests broke out in 2016 when election results were disputed. The conference center is now cordoned off

by razor wire.

Lungu, 64, is seeking reelection in a tight contest with opposition leader Hakainde Hichilema, whom he narrowly defeated in a snap poll in 2015 and again in 2016. Hichilema alleged fraud in both polls and charges that Lungu is also trying to rig the current poll. Lungu denies the charges, calling the opposition "cry-babies."

Although polls were supposed to close at 6 p.m. local time Thursday, voting went on until early Friday morning in some areas where violence aimed against electoral officials delayed the polling, the Electoral Commission said Friday. Final results are expected within 72 hours after the closure of polling centers. □



A polling agent sits next to ballot boxes as vote counting continues at various polling stations in Lusaka, Zambia, Friday, Aug. 13, 2021.

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Data signals third year of vast Brazil Amazon deforestation

By DÉBORA ÁLVARES

BRASILIA, Brazil (AP) —

Preliminary government data released on Friday indicates annual deforestation in Brazil's Amazon may have surpassed 10,000 square kilometers (3,861 square miles) for the third straight year, continuing a worrisome jump since President Jair Bolsonaro assumed office.

The area deforested from August to July — the 12-month period that is Brazil's reference — was 8,793 square kilometers, just below last year's record, according to daily alerts compiled by the National Institute for Space Research's Deter monitoring system.

That data is considered a leading indicator for complete calculations released near year end from the more accurate system, Prodes. It uses at least four different satellites to capture images, addressing oversights in preliminary data caused by lower resolution and cloud cover.

Márcio Astrini, executive secretary of the Climate Observatory, a network of environmental nonprofit



In this Aug. 23, 2020 file photo, cattle graze on land recently burned and deforested by cattle farmers near Novo Progresso, Para state, Brazil.

groups, told The Associated Press that he anticipates the final tally will land right around 10,000 square kilometers. Before Bolsonaro's term began in 2019, the Brazilian Amazon hadn't recorded a single year with that much deforestation in over a decade and, between 2009 and 2018, the average was 6,500 square kilometers. The far-right president has encouraged

development of the biome and dismissed global handwringing about its destruction as a plot to hold back the nation's agribusiness. At the same time, his administration defanged environmental authorities and legislative measures to loosen land protections have advanced, emboldening land grabbers.

"In two and a half years, the Bolsonaro government

has managed to provoke a situation of destruction and chaos in the environment," Suely Araujo, a former president of the environmental regulator, Ibama, told The Associated Press. "A group of factors is delegitimizing enforcement. There is an anti-policy that has no way of going right."

More recently, Brazil's government has been trying to improve its environmental

credibility with the U.S. As a presidential candidate last year, Joe Biden proposed countries provide Brazil with \$20 billion to fight deforestation. His presidential administration has since made clear it would only be willing to contribute once Brazil shows concrete progress, and talks have stalled. During the U.S.-led climate summit in April, Bolsonaro shifted his tone on Amazon preservation and exhibited willingness to step up commitment. And, in late June, he issued a decree returning soldiers to the Amazon to bolster policing against logging and other illegal land clearance even as environmental groups allege the mobilization is mostly symbolic, given troops are ill-prepared to conduct oversight.

Vice President Hamilton Mourão, who leads the nation's Amazon Council, said he aimed to cut deforestation by 10% this year. He acknowledged on Aug. 2 that perhaps only half that goal would be attained, an amount he told reporters was "very small, very paltry, but some progress." □

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Haiti's presidential election postponed until November

PORT-AU-PRINCE (AP) —

Haitian authorities have postponed elections to choose the successor to assassinated President Jovenel Moïse until Nov. 7, a

spokesman for the electoral council confirmed Thursday.

Richard Dumel said the nine-member council agreed on Wednesday to

the new date for the elections, which were originally to be held Sept. 26. He did not say why the vote was postponed. Haitians will also vote for a new legislative assembly and on a referendum on that date.

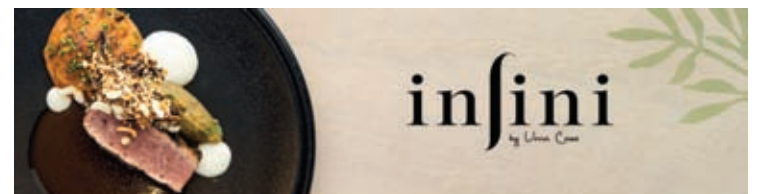
Moïse was killed on July 7, when armed men raided his private home. His wife, Martine Moïse, was seriously wounded but is recovering. Police have detained more than 40 suspects, but there's still no clarity about who was behind the plot to kill him. Among the detainees are 18 former Colombian soldiers and 20 Haitian police officers.

Recently installed Prime Minister Ariel Henry had pledged to hold elections as soon as possible and said his government wanted a free and transparent vote. □



New Prime Minister Ariel Henry walks up a set of stairs escorted by his security detail after his appointment in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Tuesday, July 20, 2021, weeks after the assassination of President Jovenel Moïse at his home

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FPNA invites stakeholders to participate in the stakeholder engagement process of Parke Marino Aruba



ORANJESTAD - Fundacion Parke Nacional Aruba (FPNA) announces that the consultation process with stakeholders will intensify in the coming months with several informative evenings, a survey, and (interactive) workshops.

The results of these consultations will contribute to the final management plan for Parke Marino Aruba, which will not only focus on the main objective of nature conservation but will also the integration of social and economic interests.

The informative evening will be repeated on different days and at various locations, allowing all interested parties to participate. The informative evenings will take place on:

- Thursday, August 19th, 2021, at the Visitor Centre of Parke Nacional Arikok;
- Saturday, August 21st, 2021, at MFA Savaneta;
- Tuesday, August 24th, 2021, at Centro di Bario Playa Pabao;
- Thursday, August 26th, 2021, in San Nicolas (location still to be determined).

Should demand exceed location capacity, FPNA will organize additional consultations.

The stakeholders that already expressed their interest or have a crucial role concerning Parke Marino Aruba, were invited to attend one of these evenings. FPNA invites all interested residents of Aruba to partake in the informative evening. Due to current

Covid-19 measures, and to ensure everyone's health and safety, we request interested individuals to first register via our digital registration form or by telephone (585-1234 ext. 228).

In addition to the information evenings, FPNA will also publish a survey via our Facebook page and website. FPNA encourages every resident of Aruba to complete this survey to contribute to the future of Parke Marino Aruba. After the informative evenings and survey, the stakeholder engagement process will continue with an interactive workshop for a SWOT analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) from a nature conservation perspective. This interactive workshop will take place in September. With the results from the survey, informative evenings, and SWOT analysis, FPNA will also organize an interactive workshop where various stakeholders will be able to discuss the zoning and regulation for the four areas of Parke Marino

Aruba. This workshop will take place in November. The results from all the sessions, together with results from biophysical research e.g., on the presence and health of corals, seagrasses, and other marine life, will be taken into account while finalizing the 5-year management plan for Parke Marino Aruba (2022-2026). Before completion of the management plan, the zoning and regulatory component will be made available for inspection in January 2022, allowing each interested party to read and give feedback on this section. After processing and responding to all feedback received, the official management plan will be published.

In addition to all organized engagement sessions, FPNA always remains available for a consultation on request. For consultation and more information about Parke Marino Aruba, please contact marinepark@arubanationalpark.org.

Honoring a loyal visitor at Marriott Aruba Ocean Club

PALM BEACH — Recently, Kimberley Richardson of the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure to honor one of Aruba's loyal and friendly visitors as a Distinguished Visitor of Aruba. The Distinguished visitor certificate is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism, as a token of appreciation to the guests who visit Aruba 10 years and more consecutively.

The honoree was **Mr. Dirk van den Bogaart** from the Netherlands!

Van den Bogaart stated that he loves the island very much, especially for its year-round sunny weather, nice sandy beaches and picturesque sunsets, its safety, and Aruba's warm and friendly people,

Richardson together with the representatives of the Marriott Aruba Ocean Club presented the certificate to the honoree, handed over some presents and also thanked him for choosing Aruba as his favorite vacation destination and as his home-away-from-home. □



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80 % sold, construction in final phase:
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ORANJESTAD — It was the official Grand Opening of Harbour House Aruba last Thursday, June 10th. The residence consisting of 94 units is located in the former Mar Azul building, right in the heart of Oranjestad. The two brothers Irwin J. Perret-Gentil and Alberto Perret-Gentil from PERING, one of the largest, privately-owned Real Estate and construction firms in Venezuela and Aruba, officially opened their new jewel in the presence of the invitees.

Harbour House Aruba is the ultimate smart investment or personal living space. A state-of-the-art lobby, an ocean-view gym, bar service, rooftop with 360 degrees view of Oranjestad, on-site parking, 24-hours security and a top floor lounge area with Jacuzzi's. Cherry on the cake: an infinity pool with a panorama on the harbour.

Harbour House Aruba offers cosmopolitan living in a beach-chic environment. The residence is fast-selling their studios, two-bedroom and three-bedroom units for many reasons but in a nutshell we can name: great location, great value

for your money and great quality. To see exactly what still is available you may check the website which shows you a map with sold and open units. Updates on construction are also on forehand. When you live abroad stopping by to check upon your purchase is not that simple, yet with the monthly updates on their website, it is a lot easier.

Hottest condo in town

Aruba Today talked to one of the owners from New York: "This is going to be the hottest condo building on the island because this is the very first thing people see when they arrive here by cruise ship and it is the only one combining the ocean, port and city. We feel so happy to be the owner here, also, the organization is amazing. We are being accommodated in every way, the attention you get is extraordinary."

Boardwalk

Living here includes being part of Oranjestad and all its benefits. Around the Harbour House building a boardwalk is constructed allowing you to stroll along the waterfront and enjoy a drink on a terrace or dive into the art gallery, souvenir store or even have dinner facing the atmospheric harbour of Oranjestad.

The process of purchase is easy, whether you are abroad or on the island. Make an appointment through the website to visit the sales office when you are here. In that way you can actually see the unit, materials and amenities. If you are not on the island the website can help you out and the sales office is happy to send you all

needed documentation for you to orientate. When agreed upon the unit you sign an agreement and move forward with the down payment which is \$ 50.000. At receipt of that amount the sales is closed and the price will not change. You know what you get and will not be surprised by price changes. The payment agreements after the deposit will be discussed and are flex-



ible. Harbour House Aruba assist also in financing by banks.

For more information: <https://harbourhousearuba.com>.



Holiday Inn Resort Aruba: Because love never ends



PALM BEACH — Holiday Inn Resort Aruba showers you with love to celebrate the most important event of your life: your wedding. Whether it is a small, intimate happening between the two of you, a gathering with your closest friends and family or a larger group, the resort has it covered. There is one woman who will guide you through it all, from the start to the end. She assures you that everything is arranged for up to the tiniest details, just the way you imagined it. Let us introduce to you Shulaika Isenia, Holiday Inn's wedding specialist. "I am here to make it happen!"

Her calm appearance and skilled way ease every nervous bride-to-be or worried future groom. Shulaika works thorough in a subtle and open minded

way. "It is very important to listen close to my client's wishes. To observe and know all the details, that is where it all starts with. My task is to translate the client's wishes into reality to full satisfaction." Her job is to make things easy, take away the stress and she is great at that.

From A to Z

The process begins with contacting the Holiday Inn Resort Aruba where you will be connected to Shulaika. The Holiday Inn Resort Aruba is flexible and details can be adjusted to your personal taste. "Picture yourself and your loved one on the turquoise blue ocean side where it feels as if the beach is all yours. Our resort has this great advantage to be able to offer our wedding guests their 'own corner' where they have



the full bar area for themselves, located right on the wide beach." Holiday Inn Aruba Resorts stands out with their personal approach and upscale service and their Food & Beverage is known all over the island for its consistent quality, quite important on the day of your life. "After the night the resort has their wedding suite made up for you and this means awakening in the romance of the Caribbean sun next morning with the ocean and white-sanded beach stretching in front of you while you enjoy your breakfast."

Three romantic wedding packages offer you amazing possibilities where you can be each other's sunshine under Aruba's beautiful blue skies and turquoise waters, witnessing your "I do's" in a very intimate ceremony (package My Sunshine) or make your special day unique with a group of 20 loved ones, to share the event where you promise to love and

stay with each other forever and always with your inner circle (package Promises). If you would like to take it up a notch then tie the knot where love transcends all barriers and all limits, let Holiday Inn Aruba Resort be the one to make this act of overflowing love happen in one of a kind way (package Love Unlimited). Important to mention is that Shulaika and her team are flexible and arrangements can be adjusted to fulfill your exact wishes.

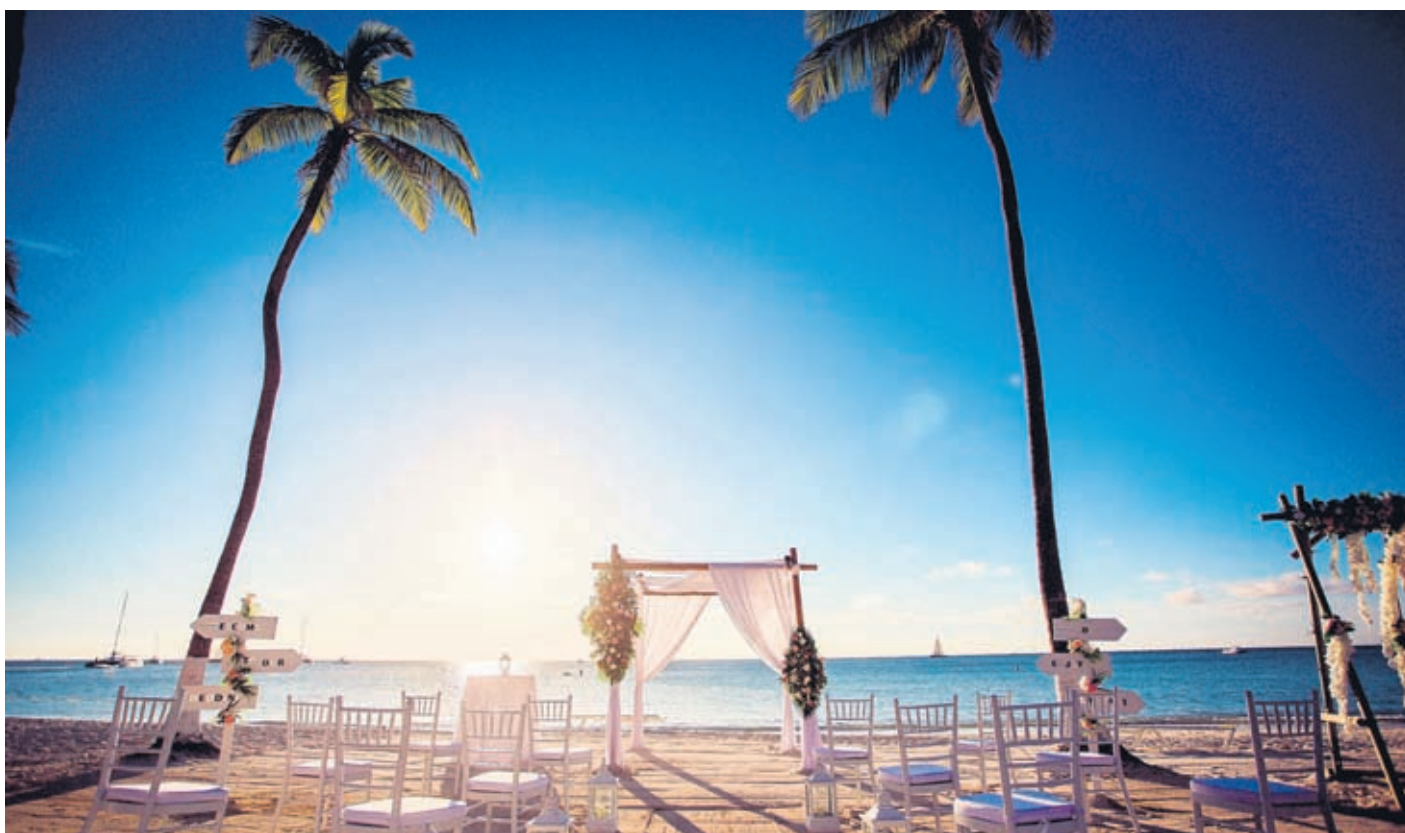
All arrangements by the Holiday Inn Aruba Resort include marriage on the stunning beach with the services of a non-denominational minister, including a wedding certificate as a keepsake. Feel queen and king under the arch of squared bamboo or a circular arch with choice of drapery color and crystals, depending on your choice of package. The signing table, bridal bouquet, matching groom's boutonniere are all part of the life happening and a live musician, photographer and/or videographer are options to consider.

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In Your Debt: Back to pre-pandemic spending? Don't overdo it

By **SARA RATHNER** of **Nerd-Wallet**

With COVID-19 restrictions mostly lifted in the U.S. (though that's changing), you may be enjoying a more social summer than you were last year. But dinners out and movie tickets can seem pricey compared with a year and a half of home-cooked meals and whatever's on TV especially if you experienced pandemic-related financial hardships.

It could be time to recalibrate your money habits for the way life is now. Doing so just takes some planning and a healthy dose of honest communication.

RECONSIDER YOUR VALUES

Your values may have changed over the past year. Ask yourself a few questions: What did I start or stop spending money on? What do or don't I miss doing? What specific money goals do I have now? Your answers can help you create a list of your current values, in order of importance, which can lead to an updated spending plan. If you have a spouse or partner, involve them in this process, too.

"Many people think this process is for those who can't save," Julie Quick, a financial planner in White Lake, Michigan, said in an email. "I would argue it's



In this April 16, 2021 file photo, patrons are assisted while dining along a sidewalk in Chapel Hill, N.C.

Associated Press

for people who want to live intentionally."

MATCH SPENDING AND SAVING WITH UPDATED NEEDS AND WANTS

After reconsidering your financial priorities, you can begin to give your money specific jobs. You'll likely have a combination of short- and long-term goals, like budgeting for weekly outings while replenishing your emergency fund or saving for an upcoming major purchase.

It's in the name: A spend-

ing plan requires planning. Though it's tempting to meet up with friends and see where the night takes you, for instance, picking where you'll go in advance allows you to design social outings around your budget.

Be thoughtful about diving back into travel, too. According to U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data compiled by the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, airfares have been increasing in the U.S. since March

2021, though they haven't yet returned to levels seen in February 2020 and earlier.

"Spontaneous travel is exciting, but it can also run away with your wallet," Vadim Verdyan, head of advice at the financial wellness mobile app Albert, said in an email. "Keep in mind that people usually get the best deals when they plan far in advance and the worst deals when they plan last minute."

OPEN UP ABOUT MONEY

WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY

The outside pressure to spend is nothing new, though now you may be feeling an extra-strong urge to make up for lost time with people you haven't seen in more than a year. But all those far-flung weddings and in-person visits may be beyond what you can afford. This is where honest communication comes in, even though discussing money can be difficult. In these situations, it can help to let the other person know what's going on in your life.

"To tell a friend that something they want to do isn't in your budget, it feels like a rejection of them," says Joshua Escalante Troesh, a financial planner in Rancho Cucamonga, California. He recommends telling your loved one about the thing you're saving up for that makes it difficult to afford the activity. "Most people who care about you will say, 'Yeah, I understand that.'"

IF YOU OVERSPEND, GET BACK ON TRACK

There's nothing quite like an enormous credit card bill to ruin the fun you've been having, especially if you can't pay it in full and end up in debt. If this happens to you, it's time to regroup and reallocate some funds. □

Wendy's opens delivery-only kitchens to meet growing demand

By **DEE-ANN DURBIN**
AP Business Writer

Wendy's plans to open 700 delivery-only kitchens by 2025 to meet the growing demand from people who want their fast food brought to them.

Wendy's said the kitchens will primarily operate in big cities in the U.S., Canada and the United Kingdom, where the chain has fewer brick-and-mortar stores. The hamburger chain will open its first 50 delivery kitchens this year.

Dublin, Ohio-based Wendy's is partnering with Reef Technology Inc., a Miami company that runs 5,000 delivery kitchens in 30 cit-

ies worldwide.

In a conference call with investors Wednesday, Wendy's President and CEO Todd Penegor said Reef will build the locations and hire workers for the kitchens, each of which are expected to see sales of \$500,000 to \$1 million per year. Wendy's will get royalties of around 6% of sales.

Wendy's said third parties like DoorDash, Uber Eats and Grubhub will deliver the food.

Demand for restaurant delivery was already growing before the pandemic but surged when restaurants closed their dining

rooms last year. Delivery accounted for 3.3% of U.S. restaurant traffic in the year that ended in June 2019, according to NPD Group. That rose to 8.4% in the year that ended in June 2021.

Wendy's said its digital sales — which includes delivery and mobile orders for pickup — hit 7.5% of total sales in the second quarter of this year. That's up from 2.5% in 2019.

Wendy's said it decided to expand its delivery-only kitchens with Reef after a successful test in Canada, where it opened eight kitchens late last year.

Wendy's isn't the first fast

food chain to explore so-called ghost kitchens, which have no storefront and only prepare food for

delivery. In 2019, Chick-fil-A began offering delivery from a DoorDash Kitchen in Northern California. □



In this May 5, 2020, file photo, Wendy's restaurant Dave's Combo cheeseburger meal is displayed in Pittsburgh.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: EMBRACE WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW ... BECAUSE WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW CAN BECOME YOUR GREATEST ASSET. — SARA BLAKELY

Wisconsin sets 300-wolf limit after runaway spring hunt



This July 16, 2004, file photo, shows a gray wolf at the Wildlife Science Center in Forest Lake, Minn.

Associated Press

By TODD RICHMOND
MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Wildlife officials in Wisconsin set a 300-animal limit Wednesday for the state's fall wolf hunt, exceeding biologists' recommendations as they study the impact of a rushed spring season that saw hunters take almost twice as many wolves as allotted. State Department of Natural Resources scientists asked its policy board to cap kills at 130 animals, saying board members must be cautious because the four-day season in February took place during wolves' breeding season and the long-term ramifications on the population are unknown.

But conservative-leaning members of the board countered that the population is still well above the DNR's goal of 350 animals and they have a responsibility to manage the pack and protect livestock from wolf attacks. The board ultimately voted 5-2 to set aside the department's recommendation and up the quota to 300 animals. "The department can't go against the management plan now of 350," board member Greg Kazmierski said. "We are stuck with the plan in front of us today. We need to show we're trying to move toward that goal. If we don't, we can throw out all the management plans in the state because

we don't need them." The working quota for state-licensed hunters will almost certainly be less than 300, however. The state's Chippewa tribes are entitled to claim up to half of the quota under treaty rights dating back to the 1800s. The Chippewa consider wolves sacred and refuse to hunt them. If the tribes claim their full half of the quota, state-licenses hunters will be allowed to kill only 150 wolves. The vote marks another testy chapter in what has become a bitter saga over wolf management in Wisconsin. The animal has made a remarkable comeback in the state the DNR's latest estimates from the winter of 2019-2020 put the

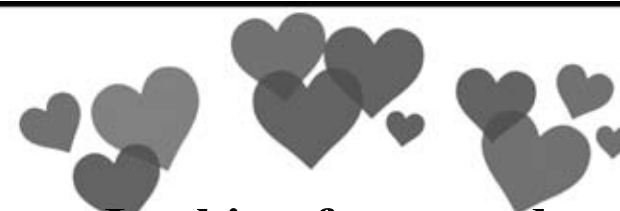
population at around 1,000 animals statewide. □

The department's management plan, adopted in 1999, sets out a population goal of 350.

DNR attorney Cheryl Heilman told the board that 350 number in the management plan isn't a population target but the minimum number for holding a hunt. Conservative board members disputed that, insisting it was a population goal.

As more wolves have appeared on the landscape conflict over how to handle them have only intensified. Farmers and residents across northern Wisconsin say wolves menace their pets and livestock and hunting is the only way to control them. Conservationists counter that the population is still too small to sustain hunting and the creatures are so majestic people should just leave them alone.

Former Republican Gov. Scott Walker signed bills in 2011 and 2016 requiring the DNR hold an annual wolf hunt between November and February. The state held three hunts from 2012 to 2014 before a federal judge placed wolves back on the endangered species list. The Trump administration removed them from the list days this past January, days before Joe Biden was inaugurated. □



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Boeing astronaut capsule grounded for months by valve issue

By **MARCIA DUNN**

AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.

(AP) — Boeing's astronaut capsule is grounded for months and possibly even until next year because of a vexing valve problem.

Boeing and NASA officials said Friday that the Starliner capsule will be removed from the top of its rocket and returned to its Kennedy Space Center hangar for more extensive repairs.

Starliner was poised to blast off on a repeat test flight to the International Space Station last week — carrying a mannequin but no astronauts — when the trouble arose. A similar capsule was plagued by software issues in 2019 that prevented it from reaching the space station.

"We're obviously disappointed," said John Vollmer, vice president and program manager of Boeing's commercial crew program. "We will fly this test when we're ready to fly it and it's safe to do so."

Kathy Lueders, head of NASA's human exploration office, said it's "another example of why these demo missions are so very important to us ... to make sure we have the system wrung out before we put our crews on."

Boeing's performance is in stark contrast to that of SpaceX, NASA's other contracted taxi service. SpaceX has flown 10 astronauts to the space station in just over a year, with four more due to launch aboard the company's Dragon capsule at the end of October. Elon Musk's company will mark another first next month when it launches a billionaire into orbit with three guests, two

of them contest winners.

Vollmer said moisture in the air somehow infiltrated 13 valves in the capsule's propulsion system. That moisture combined with a corrosive fuel-burning chemical that had gotten past seals, preventing the valves from opening as required before the Aug. 3 launch attempt.

As of Friday, nine of the valves had been fixed. The other four require more invasive work.

Rain from a severe thunderstorm penetrated some of the capsule's thrusters at the pad, but engineers do not believe that is the same moisture that caused the valves to stick. Engineers are trying to determine how and when the moisture got there; it could have been during assembly or much later, Vollmer said. □

The 13 in question are among dozens of valves that are tied into thrusters needed to get the capsule into the proper orbit and to the space station, and to also re-enter the atmosphere at flight's end. All the valves worked fine five weeks earlier and performed well in the 2019 test flight, Vollmer said.

Vollmer said it's too soon to know whether the valves will need to be replaced or even redesigned. Aerojet



In this June 2, 2021 photo made available by NASA, technicians prepare Boeing's CST-100 Starliner for the company's Orbital Flight Test-2 (OFT-2) in the Commercial Crew and Cargo Processing Facility at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

Associated Press

Rocketdyne supplied the valves, along with the rest of the propulsion system.

Given all the uncertainty, Vollmer was reluctant to say when Starliner might be ready for another launch attempt. Boeing will need to work around other space station traffic, as well as a NASA asteroid mission that's due to launch on the same kind of rocket from the same pad in October.

"Probably too early to say whether it's this year or not," Vollmer told reporters. □



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Marian Anderson's vocal artistry honored in new CD bonanza

NEW YORK (AP) — On a chilly Easter Sunday 82 years ago, a tall, elegant Black woman walked down the steps of the Lincoln Memorial before an integrated crowd of 75,000 and sang her way into the history books.

Marian Anderson performed for only about half an hour that day in 1939, but her very presence made it a watershed event in the struggle for civil rights. She was appearing at the invitation of first lady Eleanor Roosevelt after the Daughters of the American Revolution refused to bend its whites-only policy for performers at Constitution Hall. Anderson admitted being nervous about the occasion, but as she later wrote in her autobiography: "I could see that my significance as an individual was small in this affair. I had become, whether I liked it or not, a symbol, representing my people. I had to appear."

She went on to strike another famous blow against segregation when she broke the color bar at the Metropolitan Opera late in her career in 1955, opening the door for singers like Leontyne Price, who would triumph there six years later. Many people today likely know of her only from



Singer Marian Anderson, a member of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations, appears in her New York apartment on Aug. 5, 1958.

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those two headline-making events. But Anderson had a long international career as a concert recitalist with a voice of astonishing warmth and grandeur that conductor Arturo Toscanini said "one is privileged to hear only once in a 100 years."

Listeners can experience her storied career later this month when Sony Classical issues a digitally remastered collection spanning her career from 1924 to 1966.

The selections show her

wide repertory everything from baroque arias and art songs to religious music and spirituals and more. One CD is devoted to Christmas carols, another to her farewell recital at Constitution Hall in 1964 (the policy of segregation had been abandoned by then). The final disc contains excerpts from a 1957 tour of Asia, sponsored in part by the State Department, and narrated by TV journalist Edward R. Murrow.

Anderson was considered

a contralto, the deepest vocal range for a female singer, and her ability to take her voice down to subterranean terrain can be heard in the spiritual "Crucifixion."

But she could also move up nearly three octaves, and in songs like Schubert's "Die Forelle" ("The Trout") she lightens her voice to sound like a lyric soprano.

"She seems to me to be like many Black women opera singers in not having easily categorizable voices,"

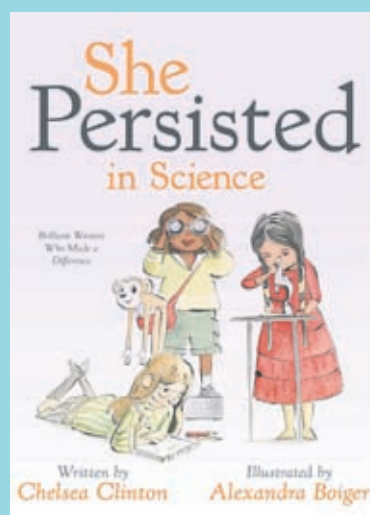
Naomi Andre, a professor at the University of Michigan and author of the book "Black Opera," said in an interview. "I think of Jessye Norman, Grace Bumbry or Shirley Verrett, who sang things that they decided they would sing rather than what somebody said they should."

Some selections from later years show the deterioration of her voice over time. Her Met debut, in the role of the fortune-teller Ulrica in Verdi's "A Masked Ball" the only time she performed in staged opera came when she was 57 and had lost some luster and security.

"We all develop, we struggle, we change," Robert Russ, the Sony Classical producer responsible for the project, said in an interview. "No need to somehow cover up things which are still acceptable."

She eventually became prosperous from her concert fees, but one of Anderson's proudest moments came when she was just starting out and earning \$5 or \$10 a performance. It was enough that she could call Wanamaker's Department Store in her hometown of Philadelphia to tell them her mother would no longer be working there scrubbing floors to supplement the family income. □

Chelsea Clinton plans full year of 'She Persisted' books



This combination photo shows the cover image for "She Persisted in Science: Brilliant Women Who Made a Difference" by Chelsea Clinton, left, and Clinton at the second annual Stonewall Day on June 28, 2019, in New York.

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By HILLEL ITALIE
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NEW YORK (AP) — Chelsea

Clinton has a full schedule of books coming in 2022. The daughter of former

President Bill Clinton and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton is continuing her popular "She Persisted" children's series with "She Persisted in Science: Brilliant Women Who Made a Difference." Chelsea Clinton will write the book, which honors Florence Nightingale, Jane Goodall and Greta Thunberg among others, and Alexandra Boiger will provide illustrations.

"She Persisted in Science" comes out March 1, Philomel Books announced Friday. Philomel is a Penguin Random House imprint.

Clinton and Boiger, along with illustrator Gillian Flint, also will collaborate on 10

new "She Persisted" chapter books, including works on Coretta Scott King, Maya Lin, Wilma Mankiller and Temple Grandin. Clinton will write the introductions, Boiger will create the cover art and Flint the drawings inside. Authors will range from Kelly Starling Lyons for the King book to Aisha Saeed writing about Malala Yousafzai.

"It's always the right time to share inspirational stories about women who have persisted in science, and it feels particularly important now to shine a light on women scientists and their contributions to our shared public health, the fight against climate change, and so much more," Clinton

said in a statement. "I'm also honored to partner with ten brilliant writers, along with Alexandra Boiger and artist Gillian Flint, to continue the 'She Persisted' chapter book series. Together we'll share in-depth stories about ten more inspirational woman who show young readers that they can dream big, persist, and make a big difference."

Clinton launched the series in 2017, naming it after a remark made by then-Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, who was attempting to silence Sen. Elizabeth Warren during a debate over Attorney General nominee Jeff Sessions. □

Castroneves tops Motorsports Hall of Fame of America class

BY MICHAEL MAROT

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Helio Castroneves celebrated his record-tying fourth Indianapolis 500 victory in May. The rewards are still rolling in.

When the popular 46-year-old Brazilian returned to Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Thursday, track officials presented him with a bronze brick and on Friday, he was named as the headliner in a nine-member Motorsports Hall of Fame of America induction class for 2022.

"The motivation has always been there," Castroneves said. "It's not about the title. I never lost faith. I wouldn't be going inside the helmet if I didn't think I had a chance to succeed. For me that keeps me right there on the edge and the competition in the IndyCar Series, it's so competitive that if you sneeze, you lose a tenth."

Castroneves, the open-wheel selection, will be joined by longtime NASCAR owner Jack Roush, Pete Brock from sports cars, Dick LaHaie from drag racing, NASCAR co-founder Raymond Parks and NASCAR builder Banjo Matthews, Denise McCluggage in



Santino Ferrucci (45) leads Josef Newgarden (2) and Helio Castroneves (6) into Turn 9 during the IndyCar Music City Grand Prix auto race Sunday, Aug. 8, 2021, in Nashville, Tenn.

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the media category while motorcycle innovators Trey Vance and Byron Hines will go in as a single entry.

Roush was the mastermind of more than 300 Cup Series wins. Brock deigned the 1965 world champion Cobra Daytona coupes. LaHaie is the only person win NHRA Top Fuel titles as a driver and a crew chief. The final inductee will be

named later this month.

George Levy, president of the Florida-based Hall of Fame, said half of the 200 ballots come from journalists and historians and the other half is comprised of Hall of Fame members. He said this year's votes were cast before Castroneves became the first foreign-born driver to win four 500s. But it certainly added to his

first-ballot resume.

In addition to the four Indy wins, he's the last back-to-back winner in 2001-02, was the 500 rookie of the year in 2001. He's finished in the top five five times at Indy, including three runner-up finishes, and he has made the top 10 in 16 of 21 career Indy starts.

Castroneves' six career CART wins and 25 IndyCar

wins give him 31 overall, tied with Paul Tracy and three-time Indy winner Dario Franchitti for No. 10 all-time. His 47 career poles also rank among the all-time leaders.

Most of those successes came while he spent 23 seasons driving for powerhouse Team Penske. He won this year's 500 with Meyer Shank Racing, with whom he'll represent in Saturday's Indianapolis Grand Prix. "To announce it today at the place where Helio made history just a couple of months ago is amazing," speedway president Doug Boles said. "I know George talked about the first foreign-born winner, but I think a lot of people here consider you a Hoosier."

Levy also presented a trophy to longtime automobile racing writer and television analyst Robin Miller, a 2021 inductee.

"There's a knack to picking talent at a place like this and I think the speed and the intensity just fit right in Helio's wheelhouse," Miller said.

"I think he's one of the guys who was made to race here. Look how close Helio is to being a six-time winner, what 40 feet?" □

Henley shoots lowest round in 2 years to lead Wyndham

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP)

— Russell Henley shot an 8-under 62, his lowest round in more than two years, to take the lead Thursday in the suspended first round of the Wyndham Championship.

Henley birdied three of his final four holes for a two-stroke lead over Sung Kang, Ted Potter Jr., Chris Kirkand, Hudson Swofford, Scott Piercy and Michael Thompson in the PGA Tour's final regular-season event. Adam Hadwin also was 6-under, but had two holes left when darkness ended play.

A storm halted play for 2 hours, 7 minutes, with 22 players unable to finish.

Past champion Webb Simpson and Kevin Kisner led a group of 10 another stroke behind at 65 at Sedgefield

Country Club, where many competitors are scrambling to make it into top 125 to advance to the playoffs that start next week at the Northern Trust.

Henley, at No. 46 in the

standings, had no worries about the postseason, but came out fast with a bogey-free round in chasing his first PGA Tour victory in four years.

He moved in front with a

two-putt birdie on the par-5 15th before closing with birdies on 17 and 18, the last with a 20-foot putt. He had with his lowest round on the tour since a career-low 61 at the John Deere Classic in 2019.

Henley has played some solid golf of late. He was tied for the 36-hole lead at the U.S. Open in June, then had two straight top-20 finishes before missing the cut at the British Open. He returned this week, hoping he can carry his strong play to the end.

"I haven't won in years, so I feel like as well as I've been playing, I feel like I've underachieved a little bit," he said.

"My mindset," Henley continued, "is I feel if I can play my game, play my normal game, then I can maybe

give myself a chance and that's kind of where I'm at." There are several big names competing to keep their season's alive. Adam Scott, who started at No. 121, and Matt Kuchar, at No. 124, both had strong starts at 66.

"I would like to play well this week and get a chance to play next week and keep getting my game into place," Scott said.

Rickie Fowler, who came at 130th and needing a good week, didn't help himself with a 71. Justin Rose, the Payne Stewart Award winner this week, has to finish in the top 10 to advance after coming in 138th. He opened with a 66, tied for 19th.

Masters champion Hideki Matsuyama was at 69, tied for 89th. □



Russell Henley hits out of the rough on the ninth hole during the first round of the Wyndham Championship golf tournament at Sedgefield Country Club in Greensboro, N.C. on Thursday, Aug. 12, 2021.

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With DeRozan and Ball, Bulls eye jump in Eastern Conference

By **ANDREW SELIGMAN**

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CHICAGO (AP) — Joining Olympian Zach LaVine and Nikola Vucevic in what could be a high-scoring trio appealed to DeMar DeRozan. He is thrilled to get to play alongside fellow newcomer Lonzo Ball, too.

He sees a team poised to make a jump, and that explains why the Chicago Bulls were an attractive destination.

"Every guy, when I look at their roster, has a chip on their shoulders," DeRozan said. "Vuc, since college, I know the type of player he is, how bad he wants to win. Zach wanting to be on that main stage and wanting to compete for something much more than just stats during the season. Myself, I always carried a chip on my shoulder. And Lonzo. ... There's so much there that can bring so much potential."

The Bulls finished 11th in the Eastern Conference and missed the playoffs for the fourth straight year. While it was their first season with Arturas Karnisovas leading the front office and Billy Donovan coaching the club, they clearly have their sights set on the postseason.

The Bulls are banking on DeRozan and Ball to help them get there after making big moves to acquire the two in separate sign-and-trade deals. They intro-



In this May 12, 2021, file photo, Brooklyn Nets' Bruce Brown (1) defends against San Antonio Spurs' DeMar DeRozan (10) during the first half of an NBA basketball game in New York.

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duced their new arrivals on Friday.

DeRozan, a four-time All-Star with eight straight seasons averaging more than 20 points, agreed to a three-year, \$85 million contract. In return, the Bulls sent San Antonio veteran forwards Thaddeus Young and Al-Farouq Aminu, a protected first-round draft pick and two second-round draft picks.

The Bulls gave Ball, a restricted free agent, \$85 million over four years. The Pelicans got Garrett Temple, Tomas Satoransky, a 2024 second-round draft pick

from Chicago and landed guard Devonte Graham from Charlotte in a separate sign-and-trade move. "I think everything happens for a reason and everything plans out how it's supposed to plan out," Ball said. "I think at this point in my life, it was time for me to be a Chicago Bull. I'm happy to be in Chicago. Obviously, I've got good bonds with guys over there in New Orleans. It could have worked out, but like I said, everything happens for a reason."

Ball, a four-year veteran who turns 24 in October, is coming off his best season.

In his second year with the Pelicans, he averaged career highs in points (14.6 per game) and field-goal percentage (41.4) while averaging 5.7 assists. He hit a career-high 172 3-pointers last season while making a career-best 37.8% of his shots from deep.

Ball, drafted by the Lakers with the No. 2 pick out of UCLA in 2017, changed his shooting mechanics after being traded to the Pelicans in the deal that sent Anthony Davis to Los Angeles.

"Since he's been in the league, it seems like he

hasn't really been let free to be the player that I believe he is," DeRozan said. "Coming to this organization once I'd seen him sign and seeing him having that opportunity for the first time in his career, was something that I definitely want to be a part of. The dynamic that he brings to the court on both ends is tremendous."

There are some questions about how all the pieces will fit together. DeRozan isn't concerned.

"It's basketball," he said. "A lot of people I see criticize and talk about 'fit this, fit that' probably never even played basketball. Being a basketball player you go out, play at the park. Some of your best teams is against guys you don't even know, that you go out there and compete with. For me, if everybody is on the same page, mentality and wants to win, it doesn't matter about a fit because it's all gonna come together."

DeRozan also sees a hunger in LaVine, who made his first All-Star team last season and played on a gold medal team in Tokyo. One thing he hasn't done is play in the postseason in seven years with Minnesota and Chicago.

DeRozan insisted the Bulls will see an even better version of LaVine because of his Olympic experience. He remembers what winning the gold in Rio did for himself. □

Tsitsipas tops Ruud 6-1, 6-4 to reach semifinals in Toronto



Stefanos Tsitsipas of Greece celebrates after his 6-1, 6-4 win over Norway's Casper Ruud in the men's National Bank Open tennis tournament in Toronto, Friday, Aug. 13, 2021.

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TORONTO (AP) — Stefanos Tsitsipas defeated Casper Ruud of Norway 6-1, 6-4 Friday to advance to the semifinals of the National Bank Open.

Tsitsipas jumped to a 5-0 lead and finished the first set in 23 minutes. Ruud battled back in the second, holding serve and keeping pace with his opponent's drop shots. Tsitsipas finally broke him with a shot down the line to lead 5-4. The Greek star ended the 74-minute match at this U.S. Open tuneup with his eighth ace.

"Every single opponent

that I've had to face is someone that has played good in the past. ... And I've dealt with these situations really well," Tsitsipas said.

On Saturday, he'll take on American qualifier Reilly Opelka, who edged No. 10 seed Roberto Bautista Agut of Spain 6-3, 7-6 (1) in a quarterfinal.

"I'm excited for what's to come," Tsitsipas said. "And I'm always, every single day, trying to come up with solutions and ways this is going to be easier and more efficient for me."

Tsitsipas, seeded third and

ranked No. 3, lost to Novak Djokovic in the French Open final in May.

He made it to the final of the Canadian Open in 2018, losing to Rafael Nadal.

Ruud, seeded sixth and ranked No. 12, had won his last 14 matches, with victories at tournaments in Austria, Switzerland and Sweden.

In later quarterfinals, it's top-seeded Daniil Medvedev of Russia against Hubert Hurkacz of Poland and John Isner of the U.S. against Gael Monfils of France. □